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FROM THE DIRECTOR:

MISSION

The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice fulfills a leadership role in the statewide coordination of the criminal Justice System.

As the state's justice advocate, the Commission:

- develops comprehensive plans
- facilitates the improvement of criminal and juvenile justice administration
- provides a forum for discussion and problem solving among state, federal, local, and private agencies



As Executive Director, I am pleased to present the 2008 Annual Report of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

We remain committed to our Vision Statement which "strives to be a leader in criminal and juvenile justice progress through the dedication of forward-thinking staff, services provided with integrity, and leadership in the spirit of cooperation."

The Nebraska Crime Commission is proud of our accomplishments during fiscally challenging times and looks to the future with optimism. I commend

the staff of the Crime Commission and our commission and coalition members for their dedication and service to the State of Nebraska.

It is my pleasure to work with a very competent and professional staff that is dedicated to fulfilling our statutory mission and our own mission statement which states how the Crime Commission 'fulfills a leadership role in the statewide coordination of the criminal justice system.' We could not be successful without working in partnerships with allied state agencies, law enforcement, victim advocates and juvenile coalitions from across our state. For all of these groups and individuals, I am extremely grateful. I also want to extend my gratitude to members of both the Executive and Legislative branches for their continued support.

I hope you find the 2008 Annual report a valuable resource which promotes confidence in our ability to serve our great State of Nebraska.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Behm
Executive Director

VISION

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CRIME COMMISSION APPROPRIATIONS FY 08/09

The Crime Commission's budget is divided into nine budget programs, with a total staffing in Lincoln of 25.3 positions and 19.0 in Grand Island. The following pages contain a brief description of each budget program, as well as a breakdown by type of funds, operations, and aid.

JUVENILE SERVICES

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| General Funds, Operations | 114,070 |
| General Funds, Aid | 587,812 |
| Total General Funds | 701,882 |

These funds are distributed to local communities for programs which provide alternatives to juvenile incarceration. The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (Committee) makes decisions on awarding these funds, the County Juvenile Services funds, and the federal Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Funds.

VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE

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| General Funds, Operations | 3,872 |
| General Funds, Aid | 52,559 |
| Total General Funds | 56,431 |
| Federal Funds, Operations | 75,000 |
| Federal Funds, Aid | 2,433,000 |
| Total Federal Funds | 2,508,000 |

The Commission provides funding for local victim assistance and domestic violence centers. These centers provide follow-up support services to crime victims and witnesses as they proceed through the criminal justice system. Partial funding is provided for 37 centers across the state.

AGENCY SUMMARY

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| General Funds | 11,146,822 |
| Cash Funds | 851,966 |
| Federal Funds | 8,361,174 |
| Total Appropriation | 20,359,962 |



CRIME VICTIMS' REPARATIONS

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| General Funds, Operations | 8,418 |
| General Funds, Aid | 20,000 |
| Total General Funds | 28,418 |
| Cash Funds, Aid | 65,000 |
| Federal Funds, Aid | 27,000 |

Funding is provided from this budget program to compensate innocent victims of crime who receive bodily injuries and do not have funds available from other sources to pay medical expenses. Funeral costs and lost wages not covered by insurance are also reimbursed. All claims are examined by Commission staff and approved or denied by the Executive Director.

COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES AID

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| General Funds, Aid | 1,492,500 |
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These funds assist counties in providing services identified in their comprehensive juvenile services plan. Programs funded include diversion, delinquency prevention, intensive juvenile probation, shelter care, assessment/evaluation, and family support services.

JAIL STANDARDS

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| General Funds, Operations | 289,609 |
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The Jail Standards Board is responsible for the enforcement of minimum standards for the operation and construction of local jails. Staff from this budget program conduct annual inspections of local jails and juvenile detention facilities and also provide technical assistance.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM (CJIS)

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| General Funds, Operations | 145,268 |
| Federal Funds, Operations | 750,000 |

The CJIS Advisory Committee has developed a statewide strategic plan for improving the exchange of information among criminal justice agencies. Appropriated funds are used to implement those projects identified in the CJIS strategic plan.

CRIME COMMISSION APPROPRIATIONS FY 08/09

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

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| General Funds, Operations | 543,513 |
| General Funds, Aid | 13,457 |
| Total General Funds | 556,970 |

Cash Funds, Operations 37,772

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| Federal Funds, Operations | 637,000 |
| Federal Funds, Aid | 4,384,000 |
| Total Federal Funds | 5,021,000 |

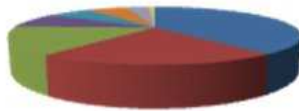
This budget program provides the central administrative services for the agency. It also includes most of the major federal grant programs administered by the Crime Commission.

FUNDED PROGRAMS

- Uniform Crime Reporting
- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant
- Statistical Analysis Center
- Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Funds
- Violence Against Women Act Funds
- Safe Neighborhoods
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment
- Meth initiatives
- VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday)
- Hate Crimes Reporting
- Homicide Study
- Racial Profiling Reporting
- Statewide Crimestoppers Aid



Crime Commission Grant Programs
Federal Funds 2008/2009
\$6,202,000



- Victim Assistance, \$2,433,000
- Byrne Justice Assistance Grants, \$1,300,000
- Violence Against Women, \$962,000
- Juvenile Justice Title 2, \$510,000
- Meth Initiatives, \$380,000
- Juvenile Accountability Incentive, \$370,000
- Safe Neighborhoods, \$125,000
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment, \$60,000
- Juvenile Justice Title 5, \$62,000

Crime Commission Grant Programs
General Funds 2008/2009
\$2,132,871



- County Juvenile Services, \$1,492,500
- Juvenile Services, \$587,812
- Victim Assistance, \$52,559

THE GRANTS DIVISION

The grants division applies and manages 14 different federal and state grant programs. In 2008, the grants division reviewed 198 grant applications for a total amount of \$7,226,069 and assumed responsibility for four new programs of funding. In addition, the division served as a pass through for two federal programs.



We always make it a priority to look at our processes and ensure we are being successful for all our subgrantees

*-Jennifer Kirkpatrick
Chief, Grants Division*

EDWARD BYRNE/JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

This federal grant program promotes partnership among federal, state and local criminal justice entities in addressing the state's drug and violent crime issues. In 2008, eight local Drug and Violent Crime Task Forces, one statewide Drug and Violent Crime Task Force, the Drug and Violent Crime Prosecution Unit with the Attorney General's Office, a Program Manager with the Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System and technical assistance for the Department of Corrections for an investigative software was supported with these funds. In 2008, the task forces reported 2,205 arrests, of which 743 were repeat offenders. The task forces reported seizing 10,577.9 lbs of marijuana, 97.3 lbs of methamphetamine, 967.5 lbs of metham-

phetamine precursors and 185.3 lbs of cocaine. In addition, the task forces seized 165 weapons. The specialized prosecution unit with the Nebraska Attorney General's Office investigated and assisted in trial preparations on 45 drug cases and provided 176 points of technical assistance in 2008. The Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center is the focal point for providing law enforcement training. During 2008, nine specialized drug and violent crime courses were held. These courses were attended by 239 students. This does not include training for new recruits.

RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

This pass through grant is a federal program that provides support for the residential substance abuse treatment programs housed within the correctional facilities. The Nebraska Department of Corrections has established a comprehensive treatment program for offenders prior to their eligibility for parole with these funds. One added component to their comprehensive program is an after-care treatment component after the offender is released. There are 166 beds affected by this funded project located in the Omaha Correctional Center (OCC), the Nebraska State Penitentiary (NSP) and the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women (NCCW). During 2008, 251 offenders entered this treatment program and 187 completed the program.

PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD (PSN)

This pass through grant is a federal program that helps reduce gun crime and gang violence. The PSN Task Force determines how the funds will be used. Nebraska's efforts include: 1) a "Hard Time for Gun Crime" media campaign that informs people that using a firearm in the commission of crime will add 10 years to their sentence; 2) specialized intervention efforts by criminal justice officials for those identified as prone to the use of a firearm during the commission of a crime; 3) various community activities which result in improved communication between neighbors and local law enforcement officers; 4) specialized investigative efforts for crimes involving firearms; and 5) expanded prosecution of crimes involving firearms. In 2008, there were 146 Federal Gun indictments and 41 Nightlight Operations, Probation Home visits and Directed Patrols conducted.

VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE

This federal program is designed to provide direct services to victims of crime. The funds come from criminal fines and penalties. State funds are also used to support this main goal. In 2008, 40 programs were funded, which consisted of 15 Victim Assistance Units, 22 Domestic Violence and/or Sexual Assault Programs and three Statewide Programs (i.e. CASA, VINE, etc...). These programs assisted 50,546 victims and provided 238,735 services to these victims.

VICTIMS OF CRIME COMPENSATION

This federal program, which includes a limited amount of state funds, provides financial assistance for innocent victims of crime. In 2008, there were 51 claims filed and 18 were eligible to be paid. There continues to be a limited amount of funds available for this program.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA)

This federal program provides funding that promotes the development of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development of victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women. This funding source provided funds to 10 Community Response Teams. These teams must prepare a strategy that supports the Nebraska STOP Implementation Plan to build and maintain partnerships between the criminal justice system and victim advocacy organizations, look beyond traditional resources and look to new/evolving resources to respond to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims. In addition, Nebraska has three statewide positions that are located with the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Probation and Nebraska State Patrol.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES PROGRAM

This new federal program is designed to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (i.e., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, police departments, etc.), support services and related assistance to those victimized by sexual assault. More information will be learned about this program throughout 2009.

STATE JUVENILE SERVICES

This state program funded 17 programs in 2008, which included mentoring programs, after school programs and accountability programs across the state. The total amount of funding requests received was \$694,098; the amount available for award was \$587,812. Award amounts ranged from \$14,325 to \$172,133.

COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES AID

Eligible applicants for this state funding are counties and programs that address priorities contained in the County's Comprehensive Juvenile Three Year Plan. Funds are distributed on a formula basis. In 2008, \$1,338,575 was awarded to 43 counties who applied for the County Aid funds. These funds support 21 juvenile diversion programs, three electronic monitoring programs, nine after school programs, four mentoring programs and various other juvenile programs across the state.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION TITLE II

This federal program has a broad scope with 34 purpose areas. In 2008, 17 juvenile programs were funded, which included county operated Diversion Programs, a Juvenile Compliance Monitor, a Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator and accountability and prevention programs for youth. Subgrantees included rural and urban areas and the Winnebago Tribe. The total amount of funding requests received in 2008 was \$600,000; the amount available for award was \$510,000.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION TITLE V

This federal program is focused on Disproportionate Minority Contact issues. In 2008, two programs addressing DMC issues received funds. The programs address prevention and model programs in communities with identified DMC issues.



OVC

Office for Victims of Crime
Putting Victims First

METHAMPHETAMINE INITIATIVES

This federal grant program promotes direct funding to establish and enhance a variety of problem solving strategies that will encourage community policing efforts that combat the distribution of methamphetamine. An early project helps reimburse the cost of the required physicals for local CLAN investigators. It also has provided training opportunities for those drug investigators within the State Patrol, a methamphetamine specific prosecutor within the Attorney General's Office, start up of methamphetamine specific treatment within Corrections and specialized funding to support treatment needs of those on Probation. Another project, derived from a partnership with the Nebraska State Patrol, is to assist in restoring the drug task forces across the state after the large reduction of federal Byrne/JAG funds. These funds supported State Patrol positions that were part of multi-jurisdictional drug and violent crime task forces in Nebraska.

JUVENILE COMPLIANCE

This position is a federally funded position that is required by the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention. The Compliance Monitor is responsible for developing and maintaining a compliance monitoring system, which is updated on an annual basis. The monitoring system includes the following four tasks: identification of the monitoring universe, classification of the monitoring universe, inspection of facilities and data collection and verification. In 2008, 30 monitors took place in 30 counties. Monitors include going to county jails, police departments and juvenile detention facilities to ensure they are in compliance with state and federal guidelines regarding holding juveniles in detention facilities. In addition to the monitors, the compliance monitor conducted two trainings on juvenile compliance, which included the four core requirements and rules for holding juveniles.

Juveniles

COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES AID ENHANCEMENT

In 2008, the state approved LB 1014, which states that, "Any funds not distributed to counties under this subsection shall be retained by the Commission to be distributed on a competitive basis under the County Juvenile Services Aid Program." The Crime Commission utilized the remaining funds from 2007 and 2008, which equaled \$295,292, and awarded \$267,585 to the 17 counties that applied. These funds helped to support and enhance existing juvenile service programs within the counties. In order for counties to apply for County Aid Enhancement funds, the counties must have applied for 2007 or 2008 County Aid Funds.

JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT

This federal program has 17 purpose areas and a portion of the funds are passed through to counties based on juvenile population and crime data. The Department of Health and Human Services, City of Omaha, City of Lincoln and Sarpy County received awards. In 2008, the funds were utilized for juvenile accountability programs, system coordination and reporting and five School Intervention Worker programs in the state (Columbus, Fremont, Grand Island, Lexington and North Platte). School Intervention programs provide adjudicated youth, who are unsuccessful with regular community supervision, a structured sanction program in the school setting. The total amount of funding requests received during 2008 was \$371,100. The amount available for award was \$352,545. Funds awarded by the Commission addressed establishing and maintaining programs that enable juvenile courts and juvenile probation officers to be more effective and efficient in holding juvenile offenders accountable and reducing recidivism.

JAIL STANDARDS DIVISION

The primary responsibility of the Jail Standards Division is the implementation and administration of the Jail Standards program. Major activities related to this function in 2008 are listed below.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Jail Standards staff provide assistance, where possible, to assist jails in meeting Standards. During 2008, technical assistance was provided in the following areas:

- The Division has the responsibility for review of plans and specifications in jail facility construction and renovation. The Board must give final approval for all projects before they can be built. Staff establishes ongoing working relationships with architects, consultants and local officials through the duration of such projects, providing input into needs assessment, preliminary planning, pre-architectural programming and design development. Five local jurisdictions currently have facilities under construction or renovation, or are in the planning or approval stages for new facilities.
- The Division regularly provides problem solving and technical assistance to jails related to provision of medical services, policy and procedure development and legal issues.



DATA COLLECTION

In 2008, the Division continued to collect data on the characteristics and flow of inmates through local jails. This provides an ongoing database that is critical to both state master planning and planning at the local facility level. For communities planning construction of new jail facilities, this data is essential in determining appropriate size and design characteristics.

THE JAIL STANDARDS BOARD

The Jail Standards program as established in 1975 under Chapter 81, Sections 4,124 - 4,134 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, provides for an eleven-member Jail Standards Board appointed by the Governor. This Board is responsible for the promulgation and enforcement of minimum standards for adult and juvenile detention facilities and for the maintenance, operation and construction of all local criminal detention facilities. Staff support to the Board is provided by the Jail Standards Division of the Nebraska Crime Commission. The Board meets quarterly to consider inspection reports, address local facility requests and consider approval of facility construction or renovation plans.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Staff continually develop resource documents, prepare reports, respond to information requests and sponsor workshops related to relevant topics such as Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), sharing of inmate medical information and policy and procedure development. Some resources that were provided during 2008 include:

- Model Policy and Procedures
- Model Jail Records
- Policy and Procedure Resource Manual and Inmate Handbook
- The Jail Planning and Construction Manual
- Jail Bulletin Training Modules
- And a wide variety of National Institute of Corrections materials.

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

Staff completed an annual inspection of all 76 adult jails and four juvenile detention centers in the State during 2008. Written reports of these inspections were prepared and submitted to the Jail Standards Board for review and official action on a quarterly basis. At the end of 2008, seven detention centers in Nebraska were officially out of compliance with the Standards. Adult facilities are inspected for compliance with Standards regulating personnel, records and statistics, admission and release of inmates, classification, security and control, library materials, rehabilitative services, mail, visiting and telephone service, health services, food services, inmate's rights, inmate behavior, discipline and grievance processes and existing and new facility design and construction.

JAIL STANDARDS DIVISION(CONTINUED)

TRAINING

Jail Standards staff provide a variety of training opportunities for detention facility staff across the State.

- In 2008, Jail Standards staff participated in providing Initial Jail Training for 112 new detention center staff in Nebraska. This included training at the Law Enforcement Training Center, Hall County, Scotts Bluff County, Lancaster County, Platte County, Dakota County and at Northeast Nebraska Community College.
- In 2008, staff continued an update of the curriculum materials for the Juvenile Detention Caregivers Initial Training for staff who serve juveniles.
- In conjunction with the Nebraska Correctional Administrators and Managers Association, and the Department of Corrections Medical Services Division, Jail Standards staff presented the 11th Annual Spring Conference for detention and corrections professionals. The 2008 Conference, held in Columbus, included 247 participants, 39 vendors and two full days of excellent and relevant presentations designed to continue the professionalization of corrections and detention in Nebraska.
- In 2008, staff provided a Training-for-Trainers course for 12 new jail training officers.

INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION

The Information Services Division consists of six individuals. They provide support in three primary areas: research and statistics, support of criminal justice integration and meeting the agency's internal IT needs. Given the advances in technology, the power of automation and the goal of reducing redundancy for our agency as well as the many entities that the Crime Commission works with, there is a great deal of interaction in the projects and duties addressed by the Division. Statistical projects overlap with local law enforcement automation. Data integration provides opportunities for data collection. These efforts help make for cost effective, long term solutions instead of stand-alone projects.



NEBRASKA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM(NCJIS)

NCJIS is a secure portal providing access to a variety of data to certified users. In 2008,

- There were about 6,000 users and 366 agencies served;
- NCJIS was accessed 586,638 times;
- 3,057,794 searches were conducted across criminal histories, probation, corrections, jail, court and other systems. Searches can allow users to see all activity related to a particular individual;
- 574,423 court pages were displayed;
- and 1,062,418 DMV driver histories were viewed.

Information Services staff are continually working to increase the collection and sharing of data among criminal justice and related agencies. Accomplishments include:

1. Operating NCJIS (Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System), a secure internet based data portal providing access to criminal justice and related data.
2. Providing NDEN (Nebraska Data Exchange Network) as a resource with limited views of NCJIS, primarily non-restricted data, to non-criminal justice users. Over 1,100 Department of Health and Human Services users from Child Protective Services and users from the Child Advocacy Services use this tool to help in the investigation of child abuse cases.
3. Providing victim notification and detainee information through VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday), a service available since May 2000. Individuals can either obtain information on someone being held in jail or prison or request to receive information by phone or email. In 2008, there were 4,773 new registrations by people wanting to be notified of the release of an arrestee or offender, an average of almost 400 people per month. Almost 23,000 calls were made to VINE to obtain information, calls that otherwise may have gone directly to County Attorneys or corrections staff.
4. Working to establish multi-state data sharing. Nebraska and Wyoming cross-train their portal users (NCJIS and WycJIS) to gather information on individuals showing up in both states. Also, Nebraska participates in CONNECT, a consortium with Wyoming, Kansas and Alabama to establish data sharing through the state's portals. This federally funded initiative builds on standards that are being set for national data sharing.

INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION (CONTINUED)

Data is produced in various forms and is also available for user defined searches on the Crime Commission website. Statistics and research programs include:

- UCR/NIBRS (Uniform Crime Report / Nebraska Incident Based Reporting System) - These provide the basis for looking at reported crime and arrests by law enforcement.
- Traffic Stops - Law enforcement contacts are collected to provide an annual report relating to the nature of stops and the possibility of racial profiling.
- Jail Hold - Data from local facilities is gathered to support the needs of the Jail Standards Division as well as local planning.
- Juvenile Court Reporting
- Offender Populations - The Crime Commission provides statistical support for the Community Corrections Council.

Data integration focuses on two main areas.

1. Increased access to data - This is driven by NCJIS, a secure data portal providing access to a wide variety of justice and related datasets to users at their desks, in their cars or using mobile devices. Data includes criminal histories, jail and corrections holds, probationers, court cases and mug shots.
2. Improved data through the criminal justice cycle - Efforts to help local automation have included sponsoring local automation for law enforcement, jails, electronic citations and prosecutors. After the data is captured locally, it is also being moved across agencies, such as from the prosecutors to the courts.

NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (NLETC)

Mission

The Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center is dedicated to educate, train, and evaluate law enforcement officers; as well as regulate statewide training academies and mandated programs, to ensure all meet state certification requirements as established by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice through the Police Standards Advisory Council.

Vision

To be the premier law enforcement training facility with highly qualified instructors and staff capable of meeting the needs and expectations of the Citizens of Nebraska for developing highly trained and competent law enforcement officers.



The Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center was created by Nebraska State Statute 81-1402 to (1) test all law enforcement candidates on behalf of the Police Standards Advisory Council to ensure that they meet pre-certification and certification requirements, (2) oversee and monitor other training schools and training academies to ensure that they meet pre-certification and certification requirements, and (3) conduct certification programs and advanced law enforcement training as directed by the Council.

The Training Center is under the supervision and control of the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council, which is a special standing committee of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (81-1403 & 81-1406). The Training Center Director (81-1404) is directly responsible to the Commission, through the Council, for compliance with the duties prescribed in the statutes. The Council, subject to review by the Commission, promulgates rules for the operation of the Training Center. Additionally, the Council promulgates rules for certification and training requirements for all law enforcement officers in the State of Nebraska. The Council also serves as the fact-finding board for officer revocation actions, and it makes recommendations pertaining to an officer's certification status to the Commission. The Commission reviews the Council's recommendation and makes a final

determination regarding the officer's certification status. Through the efforts of the Director, Council and Commission, the public is assured that Nebraska Law Enforcement Officers are competent and professional.

The Training Center is home for two law enforcement academies. The Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center (NLETC) Academy services every Nebraska agency requiring law enforcement certification training except Omaha and Lincoln police departments who operate their own academies under the guidance of the Council in their respective jurisdictions. The Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy (NSPTA) is collocated with the Training Center Academy. The NSPTA trains both entry-level law enforcement officers as well as in-service and training for all NSP sworn and civilian employees.

The Training Center is located on a 40 acre campus adjacent to the Grand Island Airport. The two academies share administrative office and classroom space, 104 double-occupancy dorm rooms, a driving track, outdoor firearms range, police service dog facility, carrier enforcement training building, on-site dining facilities and a host of other police training facilities. The budget of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center supports both the Training Center and the Nebraska State Patrol Academies.

NLETC TRAINING FOR FISCAL YEAR 07/08

A Total of 114 courses were offered with 2,293 students and 107,297 training hours delivered (excludes NSPTA courses that were reported via NSP).

SPECIALIZED COURSES (63 COURSES OFFERED, 960 STUDENTS, 24,957 TRAINING HOURS)

Specialized offerings included: Action Target Seminar, Basic Dispatcher, Controlled Force Instructor, Critical Incident response, Civil Process, Courtroom Testimony, Defensive Tactics Instructor and recertification, Defensive Tactics for Jailers, Emergency Medical Dispatcher, Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor, Firearms Instructor and recertification, Field Training Officer, Grade Crossing Collision, Homicide Investigation, Hostage Negotiations, Instructor Development, Identify Theft Investigation, NCIC Telecommunicator, Patrol Rifle Instructor Course, Police Service Dog, Sheriff's Continuing Education, SHARP Instructor and recertification, Spontaneous Knife Defense, Suicide Prevention and Intervention, Taser Instructor, Understanding Talk Tactics and Negotiating Skills and Verbal Fitness.

HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT COURSES (24 COURSES OFFERED, 720 STUDENTS)

Under the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety Grant, regional and NLETC hosted training included: Advanced Accident Investigation, Intermediate Accident Investigation, In-Car-Video, Laser Training, DataMaster Breath Testing, Preliminary Breath Testing, Radar Instructor and recertification, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing and Spanish for DUI Enforcement.

DRUG GRANT COURSES (31 COURSES OFFERED, 178 STUDENTS)

Under the Crime Commission drug grant, regional training was conducted across the State that included firearms simulator training using our MILO Simulator and offering interdiction courses. Regional host sites included cities of Blair, McCook and Scottsbluff.

PHYSICAL TRAINING ENHANCEMENT

New instructors who have recently joined our program are working on a new Physical Training program to form a more structured and consistent exercise program that emphasizes physical fitness, teamwork and motivation. In the short term, the goal is to improve physical conditioning by the time the recruits start defensive tactics and firearms. Another goal is providing instruction in formations such as those that will be used at graduation, Police Memorial Day or at official funerals. The long term goal is that the recruit will see some value in having fitness as a lifestyle and a form of reducing stress.

REORGANIZATION OF THE NLETC STAFF

A Deputy Director's position was not filled and an IT support person was hired to assist in the day to day operations side of the NLETC organization. The position was needed to deliver addi-

tional IT support to instructors, students and support staff serving both the NSP and NLETC academies. The move also added a necessary layer of redundancy to our IT area as well as helped to flatten the organizational structure, improving communication and reducing a level of management. Positions that once answered to the deputy director of administration now answer to the director. Staff Attorney Dave Stolz received a promotion and will pick up the deputy director's legal responsibilities as well as additional Crime Commission duties as Agency Counsel.



Mandatory Courses (20 courses, 71,564 training hours, 435 graduates)

Basic Officer Certification (607 hours, 14 weeks)

Three basic sessions were held, starting with 140 students and graduating 116

Basic Jail Certification (80 hours, 2 weeks)

Three basic jail sessions were held, starting with 76 seats and graduating 61

Management Certification (24 hours, 3 days)

Three Management sessions were held, starting with 74 seats and graduating 65

Reciprocity/Reserve Certification (180/212 hours, most via on-line course)

Two sessions were held, starting with 29 seats and graduating 23

Supervision Certification (24 hours, 3 days)

Six Sessions were held, starting with 176 seats and graduating 170

BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE

NLETC was host to 275 Boy Scouts from throughout the region who earned merit badges over a Public Safety themed Boy Scout Camporee weekend in 2008. Merit badges were earned in fire safety, first aid, CPR, fingerprinting, emergency management, severe weather preparedness, traffic safety, semi-truck safety, medicine, drug awareness, public health and law enforcement. The experience by these 275 scouts and their 100 adult volunteers and parents will long be remembered. Even if they do not go into a public safety line of work, of which we planted many seeds, they will be better prepared Nebraskans in the event of any emergency. A number of public safety agencies, fire and police departments, emergency management agencies and the Nebraska State Patrol provided instructors. The Grand Island Saint Frances Medical Center was a sponsor. A special thanks to Lt. Governor Sheehy for addressing the Scouts at the conclusion of the Camporee.

NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (NLETC)

NLETC FY 08/09 BUDGET

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| General Funds, Operations | 2,097,881 |
| Cash Funds, Operations | 388,634 |
| Federal Funds, Operations | 55,174 |

The NLETC, located in Grand Island, is administered by the Crime Commission. The Police Standards Advisory Council is consulted on all matters pertaining to the Training Center and acts as a subcommittee of the Crime Commission governing body. A renovation and expansion of the Training Center facility was completed in 2005 at a cost of \$11,385,000. This project added classrooms, a gymnasium, weight room, dorm rooms, office space, a firearms simulator, a vehicle inspection building and a dog kennel. In addition, the dining room and kitchen were expanded, and improvements made to the firearms range, driving track, and student lounge. The State Patrol Training Academy is now co-located at the expanded Training Center facility.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COUNCIL

The Community Corrections Council is an agency created by the Legislature in 2003 to identify appropriate alternatives to incarceration and foster their utilization within a comprehensive community justice strategy. The Council is a unique collaborative effort between the Executive, Judicial and Legislative branches of government, criminal justice representatives, Department of Health and Human Services and providers.

Since its inception, the Council's mandate has included the development and implementation of a plan for statewide use of, and standards for, community correctional facilities and programs. The Council is also charged with the creation of, and revision to, sentencing guidelines.

The Council staff and members have also been working diligently in the development of a criminal justice data reporting and analysis system. This data system allows the Council to quantify the cost savings and recidivism reductions from community programs and enable the state to make consistent, competent, and informed criminal justice policy and sentencing decisions.

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| The Community Corrections Council is housed within the Crime Commission which provides budgetary and administrative support . | Breakdown of Funds | |
| | Substance Abuse Treatment | 1,957,569 |
| | Specialized Courts | 2,147,782 |
| | Reporting Centers | 1,351,527 |
| | Uniform Data Analysis | 360,560 |
| General Funds, Operations | 5,777,863 | |
| Cash Funds, Operations | 360,560 | |
| | Operations | 320,985 |

"Justice in the life and conduct of the State is possible only as first it resides in the hearts and souls of the citizens."

- Plato

Standing Committees:

Crime Victim's Reparations Committee
Education/Research/Planning Committee
Grant Review Committee
Statute Review Committee
Data Processing Committee
Police Standards Advisory Council

Advisory Groups:

Coalition for Juvenile Justice
County Attorney Standards
Advisory Council
Criminal Justice Information
Systems Advisory Committee

The Crime Commission staff provides
support for:

Jail Standards Board
Budget/ Administration

**Law Enforcement Training
Center**

Fiscal Planning and
Administrative Support

Community Corrections Council
Budget/Administration

The Council is within the Crime Commission for administrative support and budgetary purposes. The Executive Director of the Council is appointed by the Governor.

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